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RE: Directive and Notice to Insurers
PI Number PEA070001-434324 (Margaret's Creek, Old Bridge, NJ)

Dear Mr. Putnam:

Thank you for speaking with us last week regarding the Directive issued to NL Industries, Inc. ("NL") at Margaret's Creek. Pursuant to that conversation, please accept this correspondence as NL's response to the Directive. We understand that the DEP will accept this correspondence as satisfying the 30-day response requirement in the Directive.

NL welcomes the opportunity to meet with you regarding the DEP's concerns at Margaret's Creek and accepts your invitation to do so. We agree that the appropriate time for this meeting would be after the DEP receives the results of its recent tree-line sampling.

We would like a chance to review the DEP file regarding Margaret's Creek, including the most recent sampling results, prior to the meeting. In this way, NL can approach the meeting with as much information as possible in order to make the meeting productive. Please let us know when we can examine your file.

Once you receive the results of the latest sampling, please let us know what dates you are available for a meeting. We look forward to meeting with you in this matter.

Very truly yours,


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